

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for determining the ILS date for any particular ship upgrade or alteration, said method comprising the steps of:

- 5                   generating change documents for correcting at least some perceived problems associated with a particular type of equipment associated with at least one ship;
- associating with each said change
- 10   document the identities of one or more ships having said particular type of equipment;
- scheduling at least one of said ships having said particular type of equipment for ship upgrade at a particular date;
- 15                   obtaining from material vendors a promised delivery date for delivery of each alteration kit associated with each ship upgrade;
- selecting a particular ship upgrade
- 20   for which the ILS date is desired;
- for said selected ship upgrade, selecting that one of said promised dates which is most remote in time; and
- deeming said one of said promised
- 25   dates to be said ILS date.